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1. Since June 1955, economic conditions in Hungary have been deteriorating rapidly. The national enterprises have been releasing between 100 and 1,000 employees at a time and food has become scarce. People have to line up for almost every type of food including new potatoes. Mahart ships leaving Komárom, Hungary, during June did not receive any bread or meat for their crews even though they have a priority for requisitioning foodstuffs. 25X1
2. During July 1955, wheat was being sold at 800 forints per 100 kg. flour available on the open market was old, moldy, and infested with worms. Low-grade green peppers sold for two forints each. Meat was sold on Saturdays only. 25X1 25X1
3. Since August 1955, the Hungarian Government has been deporting people from Budapest, although the technique employed is no longer sudden mass deportation but individual. The person in question is given eight hours by the police to leave Budapest. At the same time the individual's personal identity book is inscribed with the remark that he cannot reside in Budapest. In the event a person with such restriction is discovered in the city, or on traffic inspection appears to be traveling to Budapest with the intent to return, the individual is imprisoned. 25X1

Comment: It is believed in official Hungarian circles that current peace overtures of the USSR are related to the internal economic difficulties of Hungary and the other Satellite countries. 25X1

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